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FOR AMBASSADOR HUMMEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US/PAK RELATIONS

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1. THE CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS CONVEYED IN REFTEL ARE APPRECIATED HERE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT PERIOD WITH THE GOP AND THEREFORE WISH TO AVOID, ALL THE MORE, ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO INDIA WHICH COULD BE MIS-INTERPRETED BY PAKISTAN OR INDIA'S OTHER NEIGHBORS. OUR DRAFT BRIEFING PAPERS CAUTION AGAINST THE USE OF PHRASES OR CHARACTERIZATIONS WHICH WOULD ASSIGN TO INDIA A "PRE-DOMINANT," "PREEMINENT," OR "LEADERSHIP" ROLE IN SOUTH ASIA
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ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS WOULD BE MISREAD BY INDIA'S NEIGHBORS AS U.S. ENCOURAGEMENT OF ALLEGED INDIAN HEGEMONISTIC ASPIRATIONS IN THE SUBCONTINENT. INSTEAD, WE HOPE TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO THE STATESMANSHIP DEMONSTRATED WITHIN THE ENTIRE REGION TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESTRAINT AND RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF EACH REGIONAL STATE.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE WILL HAVE DRAFT MESSAGES TO THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF COUNTRIES IN THE SOUTH ASIAN REGION

OVERFLOWN BY THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY LANGUAGE WHICH YOU WOULD WISH TO PROPOSE FOR SUCH A MESSAGE.

3. IN A SIMILAR VEIN, BRIEFING PAPERS FOR THE SHAH'S VISIT HERE WILL HAVE AN ITEM ON OUR INTEREST IN MAINTAINING GOOD AND PRODUCTIVE RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN.

4. YOUR IDEA OF PROVIDING A BRIEFING ON THE NEW DELHI STOP FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GOP IS A GOOD ONE, AND WE WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO BE RESPONSIVE.

5. WE ARE PASSING A COPY OF YOUR CABLE TO THE NSC AND TO PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE ENGAGED IN DOING THE FINAL DRAFTS OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND TOASTS.

6. PLEASE SLUG ANY REPLIES: "NEA ONLY." VANCE

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